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## First Avenue lane reductions begin April 19

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that repairs to the First Avenue (Illinois 171) bridge, over the Des Plaines River, in River Grove, will begin, weather permitting, Monday, April 19.

To complete the work, First Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction from Fullerton Avenue to Des Plaines River Road. Access to residences and businesses within the work zone will be maintained throughout construction.

The project, which consists of repairs to the bridge deck and structure, is expected to be completed by the end of July.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,300 miles of highway and 8.4 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Year One included approximately \$2.7 billion of improvements statewide on 1,706 miles of highway, 128 bridges and 228 additional safety improvements.

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